



FEMA

FACT SHEET

DISASTER ASSISTANCE FOR FOREIGN NATIONALS

- All persons are eligible to receive the following non-cash services after a disaster in the United States:

Emergency Assistance

- Sheltering
- Food and Water
- Emergency Relief Supplies
- Medical Care
- Search and Rescue

Other Forms of Assistance

- Mass Evacuation
- Family Reunification
- Household Pets and Service Animals
- Crisis Counseling
- Disaster Legal Services
- Functional Needs (Special Needs), Medical and Non-conventional Sheltering
- Voluntary Organization Assistance
- Disaster Case Management

For more information on the above programs and a list of currently declared disasters, visit www.disasterassistance.gov or call FEMA at 1-800-621-3362. Note that eligibility for any FEMA *cash assistance programs* requires that at least one household member be a U.S. Citizen, Non-Citizen National, or Qualified Alien.

PREPAREDNESS TIPS & RESOURCES

- In the event of a disaster or impending threat, everyone must be prepared to respond to directions from local government authorities.
- To locate lost loved ones during a disaster, FEMA encourages visitors to use the American Red Cross Safe and Well website, www.safeandwell.org, and/or the FEMA National Emergency Family Registry and Locator System (1-800-588-9822), when activated during a disaster. These tools, as well as social media websites, may enable you to communicate your location to family and friends.
- If you have a lost or missing child, you can call the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children free of charge at 1-800-843-5678.
- Visit www.ready.gov to learn about actions you can take to make yourself and your loved ones more resilient to disasters.
- When traveling to the United States, visitors are encouraged to register contact information and travel plans with their country's Embassy or Consulate.

- Follow instructions from local emergency management authorities concerning evacuations or other protective measures.
- Foreign nationals are always eligible for emergency sheltering and life-saving assistance.
- Voluntary agencies (NGOs) and faith-based organizations may also offer many services and resources for disaster survivors, regardless of survivors' citizenship.

“FEMA’s mission is to help people before, during, and after disasters.”